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FOLLOWING REPEAT ABU DHABI 701 ACTION FAA WASHDC SECSTATE ROME
MOGADISCIO INFO CAIRO BONN LONDON FRANKFURT ADDIS ABABA PARIS
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ROME, FRANKFURT, LONDON FOR FAA

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, MOPS, MMOL, EG, SO, TC
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ASSUMED U.S. REGISTERED
AIRCRAFT

1. EMBOFF NOTIFIED 18 MARCH BY ABU DHABI DIRECTOR OF
CIVIL AVAITION (BRITISH) THAT DC-8-61 REGISTRATION
NUMBER N8960T REQUESTED TECHNICAL LANDING ENROUTE
MOGADISCIO FROM CAIRO AT APPROXIMATELY 0300 HOURS
LOCAL 18 MARCH. THIS IS FIRST ACTUAL LANDING,
FOLLOWING REQUEST FROM CAIRO RECEIVED 14 MARCH, FOR
ROUTING OF TEN FLIGHTS BY SAME AIRCRAFT FROM CAIRO
VIA ABU DHABI TO MOGADISCIO. FLIGHTS WERE TO MAKE
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TECHNICAL STOP TURNAROUND IN ONE HOUR
EACH TIME AT 0300 HOURS TO MOGADISCIO. CARGO WAS
DECLARED AS "MACHINE PARTS" FROM "UNITED ARAB
INDUSTRIAL COMPANY." IN FACT, THIS LOAD IS LARGE
(38 TONS APPROXIMATELY) SHIPMENT OF SMALL ARMS AND
POSSIBLY MORTAR AMMUNITION, PALLETIZED AND MARKED ENTIRELY
IN ARABIC.

2. ACCORDING DIRCIVAIR, FOLLOWING LANDING, UNDERCARRIAGE COLLAPSED ON ONE SIDE, WITH STRUTS PUNCTURING TIRES AS PLANE CAME TO HALT IN TERMINAL AREA. DISASTER AVERTED ON LANDING ONLY BY GOOD LUCK. IN DIRCIVAIR'S OPINION, PLANE CLEARLY OVERLOADED, AND IS IN GENERALLY VERY POOR CONDITION. IT IS NOW LITERALLY SINKING INTO TARMAC AT ABU DHABI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON EXPOSED STRUTS, BUT ENGINES HAVE NOT YET REACHED GROUND. REPAIRS WILL TAKE MINIMUM SEVERAL DAYS, BUT AT MOMENT CONDITION OF STABILITY OF AMMO IS UNKNOWN, AND DIRCIVAIR IS CONCERNED AS HEAT BUILDS UP AT MIDDAY. MILITARY HAVE ARRIVED TO ASSIST IN OFF-LOADING.

3. ONLY IDENTIFICATION OF CREW SO FAR AVAILABLE INDICATED PILOT IS CAPT. DAVIS WITH CREW OF FOUR. ALL ARE SAID TO BE AMERICAN, AND HAVE REGISTERED AT NEARBY HOTEL. AIRCRAFT OWNER WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED AS "EGYPTCARGO", BUT REGISTRATION NUMBER POINTS TO "SEABOARD WORLD." HOWEVER, CALL-SIGNS USED BY PLANE ARE THOSE OF "AEROCOSTA," A COLUMBIA-BASED OPERATION. POSSIBLY AS PRELIMINARY TO PERMANENT GROUNDING, DIRCIVAIR REQUESTS ALL INFO AVAILABLE FROM FAA ON AIRCRAFT, OWNERS, AND CAPT. DAVIS. (WILL FORWARD OTHER CREW NAMES WHEN AVAILABLE.)
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POST REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON WHETHER CREW IN VIOLATION OF U.S. AND/OR INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, POST SHOULD TAKE IF THEY ARE.
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